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Mon 0400	WBCQ	9330-CLSB [irregular]
Mon 0515	WBCQ	7415 [time varies]
Mon 0930	WRMI	9955**
Tue 1130	WRMI	9955**
Tue 1630	WRMI	7385
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** ALBANIA. 7430 kHz, Radio Tirana, 2122 UT, SINPO 44444 with English talk. Heard in parallel on 9915 kHz (rarely heard here), SINPO 34233. Off at 2133 January 24 (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, Grundig YB 400PE with external long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Tirana, 6110, 0328 Jan 26, English, frequency sked; opening introduction by female, into news. Sinpo: 33223 on Grundig YB500 and Whip (Noble West, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGOLA. 4950, RN Angola, 2305 with news in Portuguese, mentions of African countries and Kofi Annan. Heard ID 'R Nacional' at 2316. Surprisingly good signal at S9, 42232 on AM wide, CW QRM, QRN broadband buzzer (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, 24th Jan, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

(PRESUMED) 4950, R·dio Nacional, at 0137 UT with pop music, female vocal, then brief announcements, unidentifiable language, more pop music; Brief 10 second bubble jammer interference at 0149; rhythmic, bass, Afropop style music; at 0200, 4 short and 1 long time pips, into news headlines with fanfare between items, almost certainly Portuguese, very poor by 0203. Generally 22211, slightly better peaks. January 25 (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, Grundig YB 400PE with external long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4950, Radio Nacional, Luanda, 0113-0144, Jan 25, pop songs, this is the best I have heard them here, as usually they are below threshold level. Thanks again to Chuck for the tip. Also heard again at 0248 with program of African high-life music and songs.

4950, RNA, Luanda, 0508-0531, Jan 26, clear ID "R·dio Nacional de Angola", several promos for music event on "S·bado", pop songs in English and Portuguese, African high-life music, mostly fair but bothered by slight het. Live "Canal A" audio streaming not working at http://www.rna.ao/ (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also ZIMBABWE

** ARGENTINA. Glenn, including nice recording from R.A.E., 15344.50 kHz, 1911 UT with tango music. Strong signal, S point 9 and good audio, date recording recent today 25/1. Gr. your radiofriend (Maurits van Driessche from Belgium 73, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ASIA. Happy Holidays from RFA --- A. J. Janitschek of Radio Free Asia sends the following message: Best wishes from all at Radio Free Asia for a happy holiday season. Please enjoy our 2007 year-end slideshow available from the following link: http://www.rfa.org/english/about/2007/12/26/RFA-YearEnd2007.html

At the end of the slideshow [with optional music] is a quote that is quite apropos: "The world is cast of iron, without feelings or consciousness. If you want to influence it, to push it, to mould it, the least you must do is shout--never mind that it is a muffled shout from under a blanket of repression." (Zhang Xianling, 'Half of Man Is Woman'). Warmest wishes for all the best in 2008 (Jan NASB Newsletter via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Fair signal from Darwin for CVC 13635 presenting Chat Back for the final hour of their transmission between 1725 and 1800. What a lack of elegance of today's broadcasters, they simply cut transmission abruptly (Raul Saavedra, Costa Rica, Jan 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 7250, Bangladesh Betar (presumed) 1229 Jan 26 with loud buzz and weak signal. I thought I heard their interval signal played just once. There was then a man talking in English at 1230, it sounded like he mentioned 41 meters. Then a woman mentioned Bangladesh and talked, but she was just too weak to follow. I will have to try again. There was at least one other station on the channel, but it was as weak as presumed Bangladesh. (DX Tuner Sweden via Hans Johnson, FL, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4409, R. Eco, Reyes, SS, 23/01 2357. CanÁ„o (bolero) por OM. Outra canÁ„o por grupo masculino. Time checking, menÁ„o a ëReyesí, 25432.

4545, R. Virgen de los Remedios, Tupiza, SS, 24/01 0004. Aviso para um ouvinte de nome Salvador. Tx de um local p˙blico, aparentemente um serviÁo religioso catÛlico, 45433 (Rudolf Grimm (S„o Bernardo-SP), Bruno Grimm (FlorianÛpolis-SC), Martim Jenny (Santo AndrÈ-SP), escutas realizadas em DX-Camp Jarinu-SP (Brasil), Rx: Sony ICF2001D, ant.: horizontal 30 m, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. R. Universitaria, Cobija was off at 01/24, 2310. 73's (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP, Brasil (23 33 S, 46 51 W), Sony ICF SW40, dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4732.02, R. Universitaria, *1014-1032, Jan 25, Spanish. Musical bit and brief OM at s/on. Ballad followed by ID at 1019; various ads/promos thru 1024 then music thru tuneout. Poor/fair.

4781.4v, R. Tacana, 1014-1030, Jan 24, Spanish. OM talk between musical bits; lite Spanish music. ID at 1025. Poor with CODAR; QRMed at 1030 via 4780 R. Coat·n-Guatemala [q.v.] sign-on (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH-USA, R8, R75, NIR10, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 2380, BRASIL: R. Educadora, Limeira-SP, 24/01 0450. Mx c/ dupla sertaneja, OM: ëEducadoraí, 45544

3235, BRASIL: R. Guaruj· FM, via R. Guaruj· Paulista (AM), PP, 23/01 2108. ëGuaruj· FM, carnaval 2008, muito mais alegria, ZYD815, Guaruj· FM, 104.5 MHz, a primeira em sucessoí. InformaÁ„o da hora certa, 45544

4805, BRASIL: R. Difusora Amazonas, Manaus-AM, PP, 24/01 0042. Px de esportes, resultados de jogos de futebol, YL: repÛrter (pesquisando em // algum sinal de ondas mÈdias que origina o sinal, foi encontrada a Tupi RJ 1280, e verificou-se um delay do sinal de 2 segundos da Tupi RJ1280 em relaÁ„o ‡ Radio Difusora Amazonas 4805), 25442 (Rudolf Grimm (S„o Bernardo-SP), Bruno Grimm (FlorianÛpolis-SC), Martim Jenny (Santo AndrÈ-SP), escutas realizadas em DX-Camp Jarinu-SP (Brasil), Rx: Sony ICF2001D, ant.: horizontal 30 m, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURKINA FASO. 7230, Radio Burkina, *0823-0835, Jan 25, abrupt sign on with vernacular talk. Local tribal music at 0825. French talk noted at 0900. Fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. DRM at Sackville: see NETHERLANDS [non]

** CANADA. CBA 1070: This one closes April 5 2008. Barry

Moncton Info Morning Infomorning @ moncton.cbc.ca wrote:

Hi Barry. Thanks for inquiring about our program. Our AM signal will be turned off April 5th. After that, we'll be on FM only. However, you can listen on the internet with live streaming. You can find our website at http://www.cbc.ca/informationmorningmoncton

Cheers, Karin Reid-LeBlanc, Producer, Information Morning, CBC Radio, 106.1 FM Moncton [sic, no mention already of 1070 in signature] (506) 853-6633 (via Barry Davies, UK, MWC via DXLD)

** CANADA. A SANDWICH, OR A RADIO STATION? --- UW RADIO STATION WILL GO SILENT IF STUDENTS CHOOSE TO PULL $5.50 FEE
January 25, 2008, BARBARA AGGERHOLM, RECORD STAFF, WATERLOO [Ont.]
http://news.therecord.com/News/Local/article/300144

A popular campus-community radio station could die if students stop paying a fee equal to the cost of a sandwich, supporters say.

CKMS-FM is fighting for its life after the student federation at University of Waterloo agreed to hold a referendum on its funding. The 30-year-old radio station is one of the "grandfathers" of campus radio, said station manager Heather Majaury.

Full-time undergraduate students are being asked if they "support the removal of $5.50 per term for CKMS," effective this fall. The fee, which is refundable if a student requests it, makes up about 90 per cent of the station's $245,000 operating budget, said Majaury, a paid employee. "Would you like a sandwich or a radio station?" she asked. "For $5.50, it's a great deal."

Students on both sides are preparing for a battle when campaigning begins Tuesday. They vote next month. If funding is axed, the entire community -- not just students ñ will lose a vibrant, experimental, multi-voiced station, said Steve Krysak, a student who heads the committee supporting the station.

Students, multicultural groups and independent musicians, including local hip-hop artists, are among the volunteer hosts. "Students who just want to save their money don't know what they're missing," said Krysak, host of a weekly show featuring alternative rock. "We have to get across to them how valuable the station is."

But critics say the radio station, located in the Bauer Warehouse on UW's north campus, is too far away from the main campus, isn't well-known among students and needs to represent students better.

"The amount of air time given to students versus community members isn't proportionate to the funding level," said student Sam Andrey, a science councillor on the federation who proposed the referendum.

CKMS is licensed by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission. The campus-community station is heard in Kitchener and Waterloo on the FM dial at 100.3.

About half the on-air hours on CKMS-FM are hosted by UW students and alumni, the station says. Nonstudents pay $15 annual to participate in the running of the station and to host shows. Students hold four seats on the station's seven-member board.

"We offer an incredible amount of freedom not found at regular commercial stations," Majaury said. "Voices that currently have access to the airwaves would be silenced -- students, student groups, individual community members and community groups . . . not to mention the tremendous amount of independent music and genres heard nowhere else on the local dial."

Besides on-air and radio production studios, CKMS has a digital multi-track recording studio which it rents and uses for live-to-air broadcasts. Well-known and up-and-coming musicians have recorded in the studio.

Third-year student Jeffrey Aho, a federation councillor who leads the "yes" committee favouring the funding cut, said he wants students to have a choice about where they spend their money. The radio station was created with a student council vote 30 years ago and has never been the subject of a referendum, he said.

CKMS listeners and hosts are lobbying hard to keep the station on the air. The East Indian community depends on the station, said Indira Singh, a UW graduate who has hosted a weekly Sunday show for 12 years. Singh pays the $15 fee and spends thousands of dollars of her own money on music for the show. "A lot of ethnic groups have no other place to go," she said. "It provides a connection." (via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

Station website: http://watserv1.uwaterloo.ca/~ckmsinfo/
I have added a number of CKMS programs, while they last, to MONITORING REMINDERS CALENDAR (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6115, Voice of Strait (presumed), 0946-1002, Jan 25, program of indigenous chanting/singing, // with 7280 till about 0958, when 7280 changed to a different program, ToH 5+1 pips, both about equal level, fair-poor (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. CRI gone from WRN: see INTERNATIONAL VACUUM

** COSTA RICA. 5954 is testing with a 40 kW ELCOR transmitter from Gu·piles, CantÛn de PococÌ, as I got word from Jorge Cuadra, a former Elcor engineer, who helped install it as a free lancer. Still unknown organization I hope to discover soon.

[Later:] 5954 is on the air at this very moment, 2303 Jan 25, playing like every day lots of Mexican group Man· and Shakira songs. Still a mystery if they are religious, which I doubt; otherwise they wouldn't play such music, or could be from a political organization, but I have no clues by now. BTW, Gu·piles, CantÛn de PococÌ is in the Eastern Province of LimÛn (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, Jan 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Following advice in WORLD OF RADIO 1392, checked RHC 49 mb frequencies at 0700 UT Jan 25: 6060 switched from RHC closing music at 0700 sharp to ``Compositores Cubanos`` program from R. Musical Nacional, but transmitter cut off after a few seconds. At 0701, found 6000 running with undermodulated talk program about Condoleeza Rice, Neocons, US immigration policy, past 0704; think I heard Mesa Redonda mentioned, so may have been replay of that discussion program on some other network feed. And there was a weaker mix of Spanish talk and music underneath, but this was revealed as WYFR when Cuba finally went

off at 0705. 6180 was already off at 0701 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Review of RHC: see U S A [and non]

** CUBA. Estimado Glenn: te informo que desde el pasado 20 del presente mes se ha activado la frecuencia de los 11750 kHz con antena dirigÌda hacia Europa en forma experimental de 21 a 23 UT. TambiÈn puede ser escuchada esta programaciÛn, o sea, la Revista Iberoamericana por los oyentes en las AmËricas y el Caribe. P.D. °QuÈ l·stima lo de Radio Enlace! °CÛmo se extraÒa! vale! Saludos: (Manolo de la Rosa, RHC, Jan 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes, as already reported here, and 11750 also on at 2000 in Portuguese, 2030 in Arabic (gh)

** CUBA. Other issues relating to the broadcasting service: Document 30 from Cuba concerned Radio Regulation 23.3:

23.3 2) In principle, except in the frequency band 3 900-4 000 kHz, broadcasting stations using frequencies below 5 060 kHz or above 41 MHz shall not employ power exceeding that necessary to maintain economically an effective national service of good quality within the frontiers of the country concerned.

The proposal was to create a new Resolution which provided an interpretation of 23.3 such that any broadcasting station that provided coverage outside the country in which the station is located would not be in conformity with the Radio Regulations. After much discussion, no changes were made to No. 23.3 and no Resolution was adopted. However, a note of the conclusions of the discussions was agreed to be part of the minutes of the Conference (from HFCC REPORT ON WRC-07, by Geoff Spells, HFCC Rapporteur, Jan NASB Newsletter via DXLD)

Heh, heh, we know Cuba`s real motivation for this. I daresay R. Rebelde on 5025 would then be in violation, as it covers large parts of the USA, even well past sunrise here in OK. And do we feel threatened by it? Of course not! In fact, it plays lots of good music (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CUBA. Arnie Coro --- Arnie's full name is Arnaldo de Jes˙s Coro Antich. I wonder if the phone number still works? http://funredes.org/mistica/castellano/emec/participantes/paginas/coroantich.html

Photo: http://www.transmediale.de/05/page/detail/detail.0.projects.216.2.html

Wikipedia entry [few details]: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arnie_Coro

Others (and there are many more): [with younger photo] http://www.cubarte.cu/global/loader.php?&cat=actualidad&cont=autor.php&autor=935

http://www.cubaperiodistas.cu/columnistas/arnaldo_coro/sumario.html (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Nothing but the carrier on 1181 (which may or may not produce a het depending on how you tune), around 0115 UT check January 26, and on the usual bearing of yore (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, ABDX via DXLD)

All I am hearing on 1181 is a very loud whistling noise, even outside. switching the radio to SSB does not help. I hear the whistling from 1179 to 1188 kHz and only in that range of the SW [sic] band. Denver does not have BPL. Maybe I am not hearing what everyone else is hearing, Please give me some more information on the 1181 Pip, or Het.

[Later:] Hey Guys, UPDATE, At promptly 1:00 AM MST [0800 UT] the whistling noise stopped and "The Swisher" noise started. On 1181 it is covering the Shortwave Band [sic] from 1181 to 1188 kHz. It is very strong on frequencies 1181 & 1188. At 1:12 AM The swishing noise stopped on frequencies between 1185-1188, 1181-1184 still have it going but not as noticeable. Also at 1:12, 1179 started having the swishing noise on it, but 1180 remains clear (Paul Armani, CO, Jan 26, ABDX via DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. BARACK OBAMA TWICE VOTED TO CUT OFF FUNDING TO RADIO/TV MARTÕ

The Sarasota Herald Tribune notes that Barack Obama, who is competing with Hillary Clinton for the nomination as Democratic candidate for the US Presidential Election, has twice voted to cut off funding to the controversial Radio and TV MartÌ broadcasts. As the paper points out, these stations receive $35 million a year from the US government to beam anti-Castro programming to the island. The TV station, which receives most of the money, is jammed by the Cubans. Hillary Clinton does not propose any immediate changes in US policy towards Cuba. (Source: Sarasota Herald Tribune, January 26th, 2008 - 11:08 UTC by Andy, Media Network blog via DXLD)

"As president, John McCain will work to ensure that money spent by Congress, and contributed by hardworking American taxpayers, is used wisely and prudently on legitimate national priorities, not squandered on wasteful pet projects and special interest earmarks." (McCain for President website via kimandrewelliott.com Jan 25 via DXLD)

TV MartÌ's signal, whether terrestrial or via satellite, is relatively easy to block. Much more difficult to block is Radio MartÌ via shortwave, but this works best by transmitting on as many frequencies as possible from as many disparate sites as possible. So the fiscally conservative solution would be to 1) shut down TV MartÌ, 2) restore

Radio MartÌ shortwave transmissions from Delano and Greenville Site A, and 3) maybe hire shortwave time from other sites. Posted: 25 Jan 2008 (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

A CUBAN-IRANIAN JAMMING AXIS? "One of the most troubling threats in America's backyard is the emerging axis of Cuba's Communist regime and the Iranian government, assisted by Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. Cuban President Fidel Castro has been cultivating the Islamist regime in Tehran since the 1979 Iranian Revolution. Currently, the relationship focuses on jamming radio and television broadcasts. ... In July 2003, the Cuban dictator began jamming Voice of America transmission as well as radio stations operated by Iranian democracy advocates." Editorial, (Washington Times, 23 January 2008 via kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=3203
So the Cubans and Iranians, both of whom jam foreign broadcasts, are now helping each other in this endeavor? News to me. The 2003 jamming of satellite transmissions to Iran from Cuban soil was short-lived. Reports were that it came from an Iranian embassy compound and was shut down by Cuban authorities. See Asia Times, 22 August 2003. Posted: 25 Jan 2008 (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

** CYPRUS. 9760, Cyprus BC Corp, Limassol, *2215-2245*, Jan 26, Sign on with Greek music. Greek folk music. Greek talk. Good signal at sign on but deteriorated to a very weak signal strength by sign off. // 7210-mixing with China Radio International [via ALBANIA]. Both in at equal levels. // 6180-weak under Brazil. Fri-Sun only (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Radio Senda (ø?) HIFB (ø?), capturada en los 1680 kHz, desde Rep˙blica Dominicana. Con programaciÛn cristiana; tema marcial a las 0300 UT (posible himno nacional) y silencio a las 0302. SINPO 34433. (25/01). 73s y buen DX (Ad·n Gonz·lez, Catia La Mar, Estado Vargas, VENEZUELA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Probably, but keep in mind there are US stations on 1680 in Spanish, in Florida, New Jersey and Washington --- (Glenn Hauser, DXLD) E.g.:

WLAA, 1680, in Winter Park FL is pretty much the band bully on X-band on my xtl set this past week. It is a Mexican format music station and every other word by the DJ's concerns Mexico. The local commercials give it away, however. With a tendency not to give TOH IDs, it is hard to tell these days country of origin with the proliferation of Spanish on US based stations (Gil Stacy, IRCA via DXLD) See also UNIDENTIFIED 3360

** ECUADOR. One Response to ìDecision extends HCJBís shortwave

broadcasts; new DRM service starts todayî

Jonathan Marks Says: January 26th, 2008 at 4:07 pm
Having been out to the site personally at PIFO I share the romance of the place. But I canít help wondering whatís the point of broadcasting for an hour in German at lunchtime from the other side of the world if the aim is to provide a reliable service. DRM is fine when it works - but it is only there if propagation holds up. The West-East path is notoriously difficult, so whereas it may work at lunchtime, it is not there for most of the day. Compare this programme with the range of evangelical TV programmes on the German cable system and Astra and I have to pose the question - isnít there a better use of the energy? Canít see this ever moving out of the test phase (Media Network blog via DXLD) see also GUATEMALA

** EGYPT. 7270, Radio Cairo, 0127 UT in Spanish, SINPO 34323, with regional music, then ID, and into talk program. Quite clear modulation. January 25.

6290, Radio Cairo, in presumed Arabic at 0130, with music and talk, very strong, but worthless due to poor and muddy modulation, SINPO 44442 (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, Grundig YB 400PE with external long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6290, R. Cairo (presumed), 0257, Jan 25, heard just before sign-off with reciting from the Qu'ran, very strong signal. Must be due to the unusual propagation conditions (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 9250, R. Wadi el Nil, Jan 17 2221-2234, 23432-34433, Arabic, Arabic music, ID at 2230. Also: Jan 18 2226-2236, 24432-23432, Arabic, Arabic music and talk, ID at 2230. Also: Jan 19 2222-2244, 23432-25432, Arabic, Arabic music, ID at 2228 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Jan 26 via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 6250.0, Radio Nacional, Malabo, 0615-0700, Jan 25, Spanish talk. Many mentions of Malabo. Short music breaks. Some Afro-pop music at 0649. Local drums. Fair signal but occasional rtty QRM (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, R. Africa (Cumbre DX follow up) Still missing at 1203 check Jan 26 (DX Tuner Sweden via Hans Johnson, FL, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** FRANCE. DRM FRANCE, 1593 kHz, 50/10 kW, Littoral AM, RadioActu - Newsletter http://www.radioactu.com/ 25 January 2008

Radio Littoral after 2 years of no broadcasts on MW, is announced to

be back on 1593 kHz (????) with transmissions in DRM mode with 50 kW daylighttime and 10 kW nighttime.

In their web page http://www.littoralam.fr/rubrique.php?type=num they give space to this information but NO MENTION of the frequency. The audio link only offer OLD broadcasts. No ideas if they really do something on MW really !!!! [Viz.:]

La radio de líËre numÈrique

A líaube de la rÈvolution numÈrique, Littoral AM franchit le pas de líinnovation technologique. Ultime et indispensable maillon de la chaÓne, le nouvel Èmetteur de la radio rÈgionale est prÈvu pour fonctionner en DRM. Ainsi, LITTORAL AM síinscrit dans la perspective du dÈveloppement de la diffusion numÈrique en AM. Les premiËres Èmissions en DRM seront diffusÈes sur líensemble de la Bretagne avec une qualitÈ de rÈception considÈrablement amÈliorÈe.

The new address and eMail : Littoral AM : EMAIL: mediateur @ littoralam.fr par courrier: LITTORAL M…DIA - La ChaumiËre - F-22120 POMMERET - FRANCE. WEB: http://www.littoral-am.fr

Anyone may confirm please the station is over the air with DRM noise on 1593 kHz ?? 1593 kHz is a real YET destroyed channel in Europe "thanks" the DRM noise from Germany: - WDR 2, Langenberg (10) (TEN kW ??????????????????) Guess if people of Littoral AM is understanding they are wasting their money and guess who is listening to their totally unuseful DRM service to their local area community???? How many DRM receivers exist in Bretagne ???? (Dario Monferini, Italy, Jan 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [non]. 5960, RFI (French Guiana?) at 1005 UT in Spanish, news and commentary. SINPO 33333. S/off at 1030 January 25 (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, Grundig YB 400PE with external long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes, GUF per HFCC (gh)

** GABON. 7270, Radio Gabon, *0800-0830, Jan 25, Presumed with local African music at sign on. French talk. Strong carrier but very weak modulation. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GABON. Africa # 1 from Libreville was stronger than ever on 15475, covering the football match between Cameroon and Zambia, for the Cup of Africa Nations. A local power outage here helped a lot, with only little atmospheric noise detected. 73 and good listening (if possible) (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, Jan 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Radio Gloria International this Sunday
Date 27th of January 2008,

Time 1300 to 1400 UT
Channel 6140 kHz

The transmissions of Radio Gloria will be broadcast over the station Wertachtal in Germany. The transmitter power will be 100,000 Watts, and we will be using a non-directional antenna system (Quadrant antenna). Good listening 73s (Tom Taylor, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. The following were received in 22 days, after sending a follow-up to Walter.Brodowsky @ t-systems.com E-mail verification statements for each of these stations.
9520 IBRA Radio via Juelich Swahili to East Africa
9845 IBRA Radio via Nauen Hausa to east Africa
9470 IBRA Radio via Wertachtal Arabic to ME
9520 IBB/VOA via Julich Persian to Asia
13810 OverComer Ministry via Nauen English to Europe
9850 Bible Study via Pam American via Juelich
9485 Voice of Oromo Liberation via Nauen, Amharic to East Africa
5950 Trans World Radio via Juelich Romanian to Europe
7170 Trans World Radio via Wertachtal Russian
6155 Voice of Russia via Wertachtal English to NAm (Edward Kusalik, VE6EFK, Coaldale, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Edward, re DTK follow-up. Walter Brodowsky was very busy in past 3 weeks, to prepare all operating requirements for looming HFCC A-08 registration file at HFCC meeting in K-L Kuala-Lumpur next week. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, ibid.)

** GRENADA. [Windward Islands] 15105 kHz war die Frequenz fuer Europa. 15045/15370 fuer Nordamerika.

<http://www.thegrenadarevolutiononline.com/radio.html>

Und die QSL war auf einem dicken ROTEN Karton im unmoeglichen Papierformat
gedruckt, mit der roten Farbe hatten die Kopierer immer so ihre Schwierigkeiten.

<http://www181.pair.com/otsw/images/WIBS_QSL.jpg>
<http://www.kurzwelle-historisch.de/qsl/qsl_wibs.html>
<http://home.arcor.de/rudolfsonntag/gre.htm>

Dann wurde R Free Granada daraus. Auf die "Revolution" folgte dann die Invasion der USA ... der Flughafen war nach der Zerstoerung wieder hergerichtet worden, die zerstoerten englischen 5 kW KW-Sender und die Rhombics in Morne Rouge aber nicht mehr.

"... many of the old music which were only recorded on tapes were lost

when the Radio Station WIBS-RFG-RG was bombed on October 25-26, 1983.
We lost years and years of great calypso music then."

<http://www181.pair.com/otsw/WIBS.html>
<http://www181.pair.com/otsw/Audio/WI-1979.ram>
<http://www181.pair.com/otsw/Audio/WI-1971.ram>

<http://www.kurzwelle-historisch.de/radios/wibs.ra>
<http://www.kurzwelle-historisch.de/radios/grenada.ra>

<http://members.aon.at/wabweb/frames/hoerf.htm>
<http://www.wabweb.net/radio/sounds/rfg.mp3>

Google Earth imagery.
zerstoert - SW und 1 kW 535 kHz irgendwo bei Morne Rouge an der Bucht:
<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=12.019826&lon=-61.772493&z=17.3&r=0&src=yh>
<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=12.019826&lon=-61.772493&z=17.3&r=0&src=msl>

[wasn`t the following on 990, not 950 ??? -- gh]
zerstoert - MW 950 kHz (der russische Sender, mit kubanischer Hilfe
errichtet) 75 kW, 130m tall mast.
5 Meilen noerdlich Saint George's in Beausejour irgendwo bei
<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=12.095092&lon=-61.750645&z=17.7&r=0&src=yh>
<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=12.095092&lon=-61.750645&z=17.7&r=0&src=msl>

neu - 535 kHz 2x10 kW, nahe dem Airport. Moeglicherweise bei
<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=12.008022&lon=-61.780039&z=17.7&r=0&src=yh>
<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=12.008022&lon=-61.780039&z=17.7&r=0&src=msl>
(wb, wwdxc BC-DX Jan 21)

WIBS von 1970 auf 21690 kHz: dunkelrote QSL card.
R Grenada von 1976 auf 15105 kHz: ockergelbe QSL card.
(Hans-Friedrich Dumrese-D, A-DX Jan 22 all via BC-DX Jan 26 via DXLD)

** GUAM. 11640, AWR Wavescan Special Program (Interview with Graham
Lucas, Head of DW South Asia) on Rose DW Listeners Club, Rajshahi,
Bangladesh. Nice Glossy QSL Card, showing Nurun Nahar Sattar, Ashik
Eqbal Tokon and Grahame Lucas on the front, with details on the
reverse. This for a initial Postal Report to: GPO Box 56, Rajshahi
6000, Bangladesh, followed with a e-mail follow-up. E-mail reports can
be sent to: rosedwlc @ gmail.com Web site is http://www.rosedwlc.tk
Also sent (the enclosed envelope with nice ICC World Cup 2007 stamps)
2 Taka Bill. Total time of 8 months, 3 months after e-mail follow-up.
v/s: Ashik Eqhal Tokon (Edward Kusalik, VE6EFK, Coaldale, Alberta,
CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also JORDAN [non]

** GUATEMALA [and non]. 4780, R. Cultural Coat·n, San Sebastian
(melhor sinal em 4779.6 LSB; em 4780.8 USB uma outra emissora em SS),

24/01 0015. CanÁıes religiosas por OM/YL, mx instrumental ëHow great Thou artí (canÁ„o crist„ mundialmente conhecida), leitura da Biblia por YL (EfÈsios 6), info ëCoataní, alguns minutos apenas de pregaÁ„o religiosa de ambiente p˙blico, 25332 (Rudolf Grimm (S„o Bernardo-SP), Bruno Grimm (FlorianÛpolis-SC), Martim Jenny (Santo AndrÈ-SP), escutas realizadas em DX-Camp Jarinu-SP (Brasil), Rx: Sony ICF2001D, ant.: horizontal 30 m, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Of more DX interest from this hemisphere is the other Spanish-speaking station, WRTH lists R. Oriental, Tena, Ecuador on 4781; R. Tacana, Tumupasa, Bolivia on 4782.

In http://home.tele2.it/MCDXT/LASWLOGS.htm LA SW Logs does not list Tena as active, but:
4781.39v BOL # R Tacana, Tumupasa [*0959/2108-0302*](0.8-1.5) (0.96-1.53) Jan08 C 0302->0331* (skdSep03 1000-1700/2100-2200)

While Tena is in the archive as last reported in Dec 2004:
4781.26v EQA * R Oriental, Tena [0808-1210/2218-0302*](79.5-87.8) Dec04 C (r)HCJB 0210* (n)4780 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) And:

** GUATEMALA. 4780, R. Coat·n, *1030-1040, Jan 24, Spanish. Sign-on with choral music, ID "...Guatemala... Radio Coatan... 4780 kHz onda corta..." brief announcer at 1035 followed by music thru tune-out. Fair with mild het via 4781v-Bolivia [q.v.] (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH-USA, R8, R75, NIR10, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4850 New, 0144-0225 26-01, AIR Kohima, Vernacular/English local song, ad, talk, 0157 and 0215 clear ID's in English: "This is All India Radio Kohima" followed by two messages on the occasion of the Republic Day, English songs. Reactivated after 3 months absence. 33443 deteriorating to 23332 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, DX LISENING DIGEST)

But will they stay reactivated after Republic Day? Not among the logs below (gh, DXLD)

** INDIA. LOGS FOR AIR - REPUBLIC DAY SPECIAL BROADCAST, all times UT, all dates 1/26/2008

819 New Delhi Indraprastha Channel Hindi Commentary of Republic Day Parade OM 0614
954 Najibabad Hindi Commentary of Republic Day Parade by OM 0619
1017 New Delhi English Commentary of Republic Day Parade by OM 0621
1143 Rohtak Hindi Commentary of Republic Day Parade by OM 0623
4760 Leh Hindi Commentary of Republic Day parade by OM 0413
5040 Jeypore Hindi commentary of Republic Day parade by OM 0418

6000 Leh Hindi Commentary by OM 0445
6000 Leh Hindi commentary of Republic Day Parade by YL 0542
6020 Shimla Hindi commentary of Republic Day Parade by YL 0529
6085 Delhi (Kingsway) English commentary of Republic Day parade by Gauran Lal 0350
6085 Delhi (Kingsway) English Commentary by OM - Manoj 0450
6110 Srinagar Hindi commentary of Republic Day parade by OM Co-ch CRI Tibetan 0422
6155 Delhi (Kingsway) Hindi commentary of Republic Day parade by OM 0423
6155 Delhi (Kingsway) Hindi commentary of Republic Day Parade by OM/YL 0544
7105 Lucknow Hindi Commentary of Republic Day Parade by OM 0548
7105 Lucknow Hindi Commentary by YL 0456
7130 Shillong English Commentary by YL 0458
7140 Hyderabad Co-ch qrm by CNR 2 English comm. of Republic Day parade by OM 0426
7160 Chennai English commentary of Republic Day Parade by Gaura lal & Ranjit Ray 0537
7160 Chennai English commentary of Republic Day parade by YL 0428
7180 Bhopal Hindi commentary of Republic Day parade by OM 0430
7180 Bhopal Hindi commentary of Republic Day Parade by OM 0539
7195 Mumbai Hindi commentary of Republic Day Parade by OM/YL 0510
7230 Kurseong Hindi commentary of Republic Day Parade by YL Chinese Co-ch qrm 0551
7240 Mumbai Hindi Commentary by OM 0501
7240 Mumbai Hindi commentary of Republic Day Parade by YL 0555
7280 Guwahati English Commentary by YL 0502
7290 Thiruvanathapuram English commentary of Republic Day Parade by OM 0541
7295 Aizwal English commentary of Republic Day Parade by OM 0508
9595 Delhi (Kingsway) Hindi comm. of Republic Day parade by OM, Splatter from China Radio Intl - 9600 Mandarin 0402
9595 Delhi (Kingsway) Hindi Commentary of Republic Day Parade - OM 0436
9950 Aligarh English commentary of Republic Day parade by Ranjit Ray 0356
11585 Delhi (Khampur) English commentary of Republic Day parade by Om Weak 0442
11620 Delhi (Khampur) Hindi commentary of Republic Day parade by OM 0406
15020 Only carrier
15050 B'lore English commentary of Republic Day parade by OM 0400

Following channels were noted carrying cricket commentary :
666 New Delhi Rajdhani Channel Vs Australia OM 0618
4860 Delhi (Kingsway) English Vs Australia OM 0416
7120 Jaipur English Vs Australia Test Match OM 0550

Following channels were noted carrying regular programming :
 9870 VBS Bangalore Hindi Patriotic Song OM Ye Bharat Desh Hai Mera 0431
15075 Bangalore Hindi Patriotic Song "Kadam Kadam Badaye Ja" 0432
15185 Aligarh Hindi Patriotic Song "Kadam Kadam Badaye Ja" 0434
(Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, Jan 26, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. RRI Makassar, 4750, fairly good and better than it has been recently, as late as 1423 Jan 25, M&W in Indonesian talking over music. And a quick check for VOI found it still on 9526 around the same time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4604.94, RRI Serui, 1200-1210 Jan 25. Tuned in a few seconds past the top of the hour and noted a male and female presenting the news in Indonesian Language. Checked 4750 RRI Makassar and heard same news there and believe also on 4790 RRI Fak Fak. The news continued during the entire period. Serui was fair to poor (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 11784.87v, Voice of Indonesia, 0839-0847, Jan 25, EZL ballads, weak, clearly // 9526.0v (good). Do not recall them being regularly heard in parallel, isn't it normally one or the other? (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Saludos hermano: Esta madrugada levantÈ antes de las 0800, bueno aquÌ eran las 2, y una vez m·s recepcionÈ esta buena seÒal de CTN 9525. Pero igual como me sucediÛ hace algunos dÌas, ni rastro de la Voz de Indonesia a las 08, aunque algunos colegas mencionaron que regresÛ al aire. Esta emisora es de lo m·s irregular que hay, o vos conocÈs otra m·s irregular?. 73 y buena escucha (si se puede). (Ra˙l Saavedra, to JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. China Radio International no longer works with WRN since New Year's Day; the "Radio 86" matter re Marnach 1440 and CRI's demise from FM in Berlin are a result of this. Enclosed a message from CRI German service editors, sent out to their list of listeners addresses, as received via Patrick Robic. Gist: Many listeners told us that they still heard CRI programming on WRN Deutsch, but without news and current affairs, so we asked our technical department, and they told us clearly that any CRI programming still heard on WRN this year, either on-air or online, had not been broadcast by WRN. Further enquiries about this should be addressed to WRN.

Follow-ups in the A-DX mailing list indicated that CRI is gone from WRN English as well, so it's obvious that this concerns not just German but CRI in general.

-------- Original-Nachricht --------
Betreff: Hinweis zum Programm auf WRN
Datum: Mon, 21 Jan 2008 12:38:52 +0800

Liebe Hˆrer, zum Jahresende 2007 haben wir Ihnen in einem Rundschreiben mitgeteilt, dass ab dem 1. Januar 2008 unsere Sendung f¸r Berlin von 6 bis 7 Uhr MEZ auf UKW 97,2 MHz eingestellt wird. Die Sendung, die bisher auf WRN, dem World Radio Network, zu hˆren war, entsprach dabei der Sendung f¸r Berlin. Aus diesem Grund bieten wir auch kein Programm mehr auf WRN an.

Seit Wochen haben uns nun viele Stammhˆrer geschrieben, dass sie manchmal zwischen 9 Uhr und 10 Uhr auf WRN Astra noch das Programm von CRI verfolgen konnten. Allerdings lief das Programm ohne Nachrichten und ``Aktuelles Zeitgeschehen``, nur mit einigen Sendereihen wie dem Reise-oder Kulturmagazin sowie mit der Rubrik ``Wissenschaft und Technik``. Wir haben uns bei dem technischen Verantwortlichen von CRI ¸ber diesen Sachverhalt erkundigt. Seine Antwort war eindeutig: alle auf WRN in diesem Jahr gebrachten Sendungen von CRI, egal ob im Rundfunk oder im Internet, wurden nicht von uns gesendet.

Wenn Sie weiterhin Fragen zu diesem Thema haben, kˆnnen Sie gerne die Webseite von WRN unter http://www.wrn.org/ besuchen und sich bei den dortigen Mitarbeitern erkundigen. Mit freundlichen Gr¸flen, Die deutsche Redaktion von CRI (via Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DXLD)

I wonder what went wrong? Surely some contract ran out at yearend, which should be no surprise to CRI. IIRC, CRI was one of WRN`s earliest clients, and WRN did a lot to diffuse CRI into Europe and elsewhere. Perhaps, like several other IBCers, CRI thinks it has ``outgrown`` its need for WRN services (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. 4365.75, V. of Iranian Revolution, Jan 18 *1426-1435, 34433-32432, Kurdish, 1426 sign on with IS, IS and ID repetition, 1431 ID, Opening music, Opening announce, Talk, Jamming from 1433 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Jan 26 via DXLD)

** JORDAN [and non]. Re 8-010, R. Jordan off SW? [non] GUAM. 11690, KSDA, AWR-Voice of Hope, Agat, 1600-1615+, Jan 25, tune-in to English "Adventist World Radio-Voice of Hope" IDs at 1600 and into Christian music. English religious talk. Weak but readable. Looking for Jordan but hear this instead (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) sked 1530-1630

11690, KSDA, AWR-Voice of Hope, Agat, 1610-1629*, Jan 26, English religious programming with Christian music. Religious talk. Jordon is

still off the air leaving this station audible. //9585-both frequencies weak but readable. 11690 running several seconds behind 9585 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Noted Jordan Radio 'min Amman' ID at 1930 UT on 9830, deep fadings, signal not strong, fair up to S=8 strength (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, Jan 25, BC-DX via DXLD)

9830, Radio Jordan (Al Karanah), 2045-2055, 1/25/2008, Arabic. Talk by woman and what appeared to be a male field reporter interviewing other men. Moderate signal with teletype interference. SINPO 32333 (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, TenTec RX-340, Drake R8B, RF Space SDR-14 Random Wire (90' in Attic), PAR EF-SWL (200' Along Top of Fence), Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. Checking out a report of the jammer and Echo of Hope missing from 6348, I found they were both there as usual Jan 25 at 1416, the jammer pulsing at a steady rate of between 4 and 5 times per second (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6348 at 1619 Jan 26, (Echo of Hope per DSWCI 2007) with continuous talks in Korean. S5-7 but with very strong QRM from both sidebands by utes (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. NY PHILHARMONIC IN NK WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE

The New York Philharmonicís concert in Pyongyang on 26 February will be broadcast live on satellite television, a statement from the orchestra said yesterday. The concert, which was announced on 11 December, is to open with the US and North Korean national anthems, the orchestra has said.

The program will be standard fare: George Gershwinís ìAn American in Paris,î and Antonin Dvorakís ninth symphony, ìFrom the New World.î What is unusual is the venue: the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre in North Korea.

The concert is already being compared to US orchestral visits to the Soviet Union in the 1950s and ping pong diplomacy with China in the 1970s, and comes amid international efforts to ensure North Korea ends its nuclear programs.

The global television transmission will be be produced jointly by the New York Philharmonic, EuroArts Music International, ARTE France, South Koreaís Munhwa Broadcasting Company and the European Broadcasting Union.

Details of which station(s) will carry the broadcast have not yet been

announced, but there should be information nearer the date on the NY Philharmonic website. (Source: AFP/AP) (January 26th, 2008 - 11:23 UTC by Andy, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN. TURKEY [sic]. What happened? 6335, V of Turkey!! 1607 Jan 26 with pop songs, 1615 with political talks and ca. 1620 with ID this is VOT(!!). Strongly interferenced by two FDM carriers below and above the frequency. Better reception either with USB and low filter or AM-N with shift to +.5 kHz. Max signal S9, 42442 (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As noted in recent DXLDs, this is the time when V. of Kurdistan has previously been reported in English on 6335. Now we have two reporters sure that they hear V. of Turkey IDs. I would really like to hear a recording of this --- o, there is one, below. VOT jamming or a pirate playing around? But no one mentions Kurdistan being on 6335 at the same time (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Another contradictor:

6335, 1635-1859*, IRQ, 25-01, Voice of Kurdistan, Salah al-Din English / Kurdish dialects. English announcement and songs, ID "Voice of Kurdistan" at 1658, then Kurdish talk probably in various dialects with several mentions of Kurdistan, 1759 ID: "Dengi Kurdistana", political talk and conversation about Kurdistan, 1858 another ID: "Dengi Kurdistana", several mentions of Kurdistan (in various dialects?) and 1859 sign off with no less than six times "Dengi Kurdistan"! Severe QRM from digital utility station especially during the first hour, best heard in USB, 32442 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, DXLD)

Re 6335: The English announcer of Voice of Kurdistan at times eats the last letters of the word "Kurdistan". So one hears only "Kurdi..." and that surely makes someone think he heard an ID like "Voice of Turkey" :-] (Jari Savolainen, Finland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Audio file of V. of Kurdistan, 6335, English received in Oman at 1659 UT on 25 Jan. with AR7030+ and Eavesdropper Sloper (67 ft.) by Mr T. Kurata staying in Oman. ID as "Voice of Kurdistan". http://www.ndxc.org/imgbbs/ No. 505 (S. Hasegawa, NDXC-HQ, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) You must mean No. 507: http://www.ndxc.org/imgbbs/img-box/img20080126191542.mp3 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KYRGYZSTAN. 4050, KIRGUISTVO (tentative): R. Rossii (R. XXI Century), via Bishkek, RR, 23/01 2351. OM: talk, mx instrumental, 25222 (Rudolf Grimm (S„o Bernardo-SP), Bruno Grimm (FlorianÛpolis-SC), Martim Jenny (Santo AndrÈ-SP), escutas realizadas em DX-Camp Jarinu-SP (Brasil), Rx: Sony ICF2001D, ant.: horizontal 30 m, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS [non]. CLANDESTINE from TAIWAN? To LAOS. 15260, Hmong Lao Radio's schedule for their Asian transmissions is now 0100-0200 on Thursdays and Sundays according to their website. They had been on a different time and frequency schedule via KWHR in Hawaii.

The WRTH lists the Moj Them broadcast on this same frequency and time at different days of the week and list the site as Taiwan. Jan 25

TAIWAN? 15260, Hmong World Christian Radio --- These transmissions had also been via KWHR, but are now scheduled at 0100-0200 Saturdays according to their website (Hans Johnson, FL, Jan 25, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

I don`t think KWHR has ever used 15260. Here`s what Aoki now shows for 15260 Hmongs: 1=Sunday... 7=Saturday

15260 MOI THEM RADIO 0100-0130 .2.4.6. Hmong 100 250 Taipei TWN 12124E2509 HMT b07
15260 HMONG LAO RADIO 0100-0200 1...5.. Hmong/Laotian 100 250 Taipei TWN 12124E2509 HLR b07 Jan. 6
15260 Hmong World Christian Radio 0100-0200 .....7 Hmong 100 250 Taipei TWN 12124E2509 HWCR b07 Jan. 12
73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Agreed, that is why I said they were on a different time and frequency schedule when they were on KWHR. I think that schedule was 12130 at 1200, I'm not sure of the days. 73s (Hans Johnson, ibid.)

15260, Moj Them R. via Taiwan, Jan 18 *0100-0110, 35433-33433, Hmong, 0100 sign on with opening music, Opening announce, Talk, Mon and Wed and Fri only.

15260, Hmong World Christian R. via Taiwan, Jan 19 *0100-0112, 35433-35322-45444, Hmong, 0100 sign on with opening music, Opening announce, Talk, Sat only.

15260, Hmong Lao R. via Taiwan, Jan 20 *0100-0111, 35433, Laotian, 0100 sign on with IS, Opening announce, Talk, Thu and Sun only (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Jan 26 via DXLD)

** LATVIA. Rob Leighton tribute programme relay schedule via 9290 kHz, 100 kW from Latvia and Baltics via 945 kHz Riga, internet http://www.radionord.lv

Sat January 26th
9290 1400-1500 UT parallel on 945 Riga and http://www.radionord.lv
Repeat 2100-2200 UT only 945 Riga and internet http://www.radionord.lv

1 hour Rob made a programme for Radio Caroline test in 2003 via 9290.

Sun January 27th
Latvia Today 1400-1500 UT
Good listening (Tom Taylor, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA. LITUANIA, 6265, KBC Radio, 2130-2145, escuchada el 26 de enero en inglÈs con sintonÌa, cuÒas de identificaciÛn, presentaciÛn y emisiÛn de m˙sica pop, anuncian ìKBC and Radio Mi Amigoî, ìKBC and Radio Mi Amigo broadcasting from Lithuaniaî, SINPO 45544 (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Burjasot (Valencia), Spain, Sangean ATS 909, Antena Radio Master A-108, YAESU FRG-7700, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 5010.0, 1915-2125* 23-01, R. Nasionaly Malagasy, Ambohidrano. Malagasy announcement, Afropop, ads, 1930 excited talk like a report from a football match, prolonged schedule 25333 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MALAGASY, 5010, RTM, 1650 Jan 26 with samba/hilife songs and phone-ins, wiping out India. Mentions of Malagasy. Tune in 1811 with OM in intense talking, possibly sports program. Very clear audio with signal S7-9 max . C+USB, 44444 (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also TIBET [non]

** MALAYSIA. 6049.68, Radio & Television Malaysia, 1013-1029 Jan 26, with a weak signal during the period, noted a male in comments, couldn't identify the language however; and noted music typical of the area. I thought I heard some kind of chanting around 1026, but could not be certain. At 1029, HCJB comes on the air blocking an already weak signal, which resulted in Malaysia's "wipeout" (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston Florida, NRD545, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 9635, RTM, Bamako, *0800-0830, Jan 25, opening French announcements with ID & talk in vernacular. Local string music at 0813. Good. Strong (Brian Alexander, PA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9635, R. Mali, Bamako I, 01/26, French/Dialect, 0845-0900, male talks, African selections, the first was a beautiful child voice singer followed by choir and percussion, tribal, 0859 male short announcements, 0900 news. 33233 (Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil (23 33 S, 46 51 W), Sony ICF SW40, dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 4800, XERTA (presumed), 0317-0323, Jan 25, assume preaching in Spanish, not the usual non-stop religious music, weak. Also 0539-0551, again with non-stop preaching, CODAR QRM (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4800, XERTA/Radio Transcontinental de America, 0939-1015, Jan 26, distinctive program of non-stop songs by children, in Spanish, clearly parallel to their live audio streaming http://www.xertaradio.com/transmision.htm (thanks to Mark Schiefelbein for noting this way for positively ID'ing them), still no ID heard, fair, decent strength, but some splatter from an unusually strong Brazil on 4805, CODAR QRM (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Re 8-010: ``XEVOZ; were there pileups all over the DF? Wait a minute; religious formats aren`t allowed in Mexico, are they? Glenn Hauser``

Recent rule changes in Mexico now allow religious programming. Not sure exactly when it came about. But perhaps the last two years. af (Allan Furst, TX, ABDX via DXLD)

Actually, it's been at least six years ... XEHES-1040 was Radio Luz, all religion, when I first started logging Mexican stations from Krum, Texas. XEM-850 became Renacimiento when Radiorama took over XEHES and turned it into "Extasis Digital;" Fred Cant˙'s website has still another slogan for XEHES, with the "Extasis Digital" format moving to another frequency. Cd. Ju·rez's XEJPV-1560 also has extensive religious programming, and the Cd. AcuÒa station on 650, XERCG, is all religion. This apparently used to be XEAE-1600, which is still listed as "Texana Hits" in MPM but has never been heard when I've been down in the Del Rio area.

It's been a while since I've worked on the running MÈxico list, but with the new SCT list out, a December MPM, Cant˙'s updates and the new WRTH, it's time to check all the information and update it. (Since each of the available lists still has OLD listings.) Qal R. Mann, Krumudgeon (John Callarman, Krum TX, ibid.)

Hello Glenn, It looks like changes are afoot? http://www.grupoacir.com.mx/luz/ (Barry Davies, UK, ibid.)

That's all I could get when I tried to link to the Luz URL a couple of days ago provided by Fred Cant˙. Just the Luz logo and a picture of the radio when I hit "Esc˙chanos en Vivo." I could not get the sound to start. Wait, wait, wait. I'm now getting audio. Light contemporary Christian music, simple announcement "Quince Noventa, Luz." I've taped slogans "Bonita," "Radio Reloj" and "Radio Tr·fico Total" up and down air checks, but have only once got partial call-letters, back in the "Bonita" days ... XEV(fade under). Perhaps they'll be consistent as "Luz" with TOH ID for the collection. I could tape it easily off streaming audio, but that, of course, doesn't count!!) Wish it were still "Bonita" ... the old-style mariachi music is as fine on my ears

as the big band-ballad-Broadway sound we can't find anymore, except on XM or Sirius (John Callarman, Krum TX, ibid.)

Full ID via streamed audio at 4 past noon CST Jan 25 from XEVOZ ... says "Luz 15-90" more often than "15-90 Luz" and has subslogan "La m˙sica que hace la diferencia." Now to get taped ID off air ... it's a regular here in Krum. Q.R.M., Krumudgeon (Callarman, ibid.)

Fred Cant˙, who is continually adding valuable information to his website, now has prepared a list of links to live streams from Mexican stations: http://www.mexicoradiotv.com/live.htm
(John Callarman, Krum TX, IRCA via DXLD)

** MICRONESIA. V6AH in Pohnpei, V6AJ Kosrae, V6AK Chuuk and V6AI Yap all supposedly stream online; follow the links at http://www.fm

However, V6AH is the only one I've seen to stream on a reliable, consistent basis. V6AH (1449 kHz?) signs on at 6 am [1900 UT]. If you tune into their webstream before that, it will connect but all you'll hear is static as it's an off air pick up for the stream. Listen closely, you'll hear them cut the carrier on. They usually begin programming 10 to 15 minutes after the carrier goes on. They play rock and roll music, country music and hit/top 40 music, all American in blocks throughout the day. After their morning devotions and their morning show, it`s automated the rest of the day. no liners, IDs or anything (Paul B Walker, Jr., SC, Jan 25, IRCA via DXLD)

At 11:25 PM Eastern Saturday [sic; Friday] night [0425 UT Sat Jan 26], I'm Listening to V6AH 1449 kHz, Kolonia, Pohnpei via their webstream http://www.fm/pohnpei/radio.htm It is 3:25 pm Sunday afternoon there. So far I've heard an American "Hot" (New) Country tune, a Top 40 (Hit music) tune and now it's a song that`s of a local flavor. Sincerely, (Paul B. Walker, Jr., SC, ibid.)

I spent several hours listening to V6AI Radio in Colonia, Yap, Federated States of Micronesia via their webstream in the late evening and early morning hours here in South Carolina. They only stream at 8K/8hz, but it doesn't sound all that bad considering. The play mainly American music but there are some native/local tunes thrown in. You could hear a country song one minute followed by an oldies tune and into a native tune the next. Their announcers are speaking the local language, but some of their announcements are in English.

I have uploaded a 25 minute aircheck of the station, which you can hear by going to: http://www.walkerbroadcasting.com/v6ai.mp3
It's encoded at 8K/8hz and is only 1.43 MB so it's an easy downbload for everyone even on bad dialup. I haven`t edited the file at all, so any dead air you hear is what I recorded, as is... Listen at about 10

seconds in as the music fades out and they do an automated time check Also, at 5 mins 12 secs in after 9 seconds of dead air, they mention a brief sign off for their AM signal for maintence later in the day. -- Sincerely, (Paul B. Walker, Jr., SC, Jan 26, ibid.)

** MICRONESIA. 4755, PMA, The Cross-Radio. Date/Time "The Cross" logo QSL Card, with Bible verse, photo of a small island, on side. Reverse address, stamp, and mention of two frequencies, 4755 SW (V6MP). and 88.5 FM (V6MA). Reply in 78 days for a MP3 CD report with return postage. V/S somewhat illegible, but looks much like Roland Weibel The next day got a letter (with nice Island stamps) enclosed were my three (3) PPCís, all signed and stamped by Roland (Edward Kusalik, VE6EFK, Coaldale, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOLDOVA. Faulty transmitter: Edinet Yedintsy 1476.5 kHz. Radio Moldova wandering around, now down to approx. 1476.5 ... .9 on Jan 20-24 (Stefan Dombrowski, Germany, A-DX Jan 20)

1494 kHz unit from Edinet Yedintsy in NortWest MDA, unfortunately in low resolution:
<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=48.179549&lon=27.304008&z=13.7&r=0&src=msl>
<http://www.flashearth.com/?lat=48.179549&lon=27.304008&z=13.8&r=0&src=yh>
48 10 12.05 N 27 17 55.17 E (wb, Jan 21)

That's true, just checked, MDA is on 1476.5v (it looks like a spur but I can see no sources for that in vicinity); 1449 [sic] is silent. So may be they really didn't move, but transmitter is "faulty". I'll try to keep watching ... DF by loop points toward MDA, yes (Vlad Titarev, Ukraine, Jan 21)

I think it is 1494 kHz Edinet transmitter, which has been drifting all winter around here. I don't think there has been any move, just drifting, I can hear R. Moldova also on 1494 kHz (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Jan 22)

Radio Moldova has moved from 1494 to 1485 kHz. Heard November 23 from 2120 UT and again November 25 from 1720 with "Radio Moldova Actualitatsi" - news, weather and sports. Probably this is to avoid QRM from the Russian High Power Station at Krasnyy Bor near Petersburg carrying VOR programs on 1494 kHz (Ullmar Qvick, Sweden (25/11-2007), unid in A-DX Jan 21 --- all via BC-DX Jan 26 via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Re 8-010, CANADA, Sackville audio, DRM silent:

Our Programme Distribution Department points out that the RNW DRM relay via Sackville was discontinued from the start of the winter season (28 October 2007). So it's hardly surprising that you didn't hear any RNW audio :-) Whatever is supposed to be on the frequency now

(if anything) it certainly isn't us! (Andy Sennitt, Radio Netherlands Worldwide, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ha, the DRM DX schedule, which he might have consulted first, does show a 30-minute break between Vatican and RCI at 2130-2200 --- but they leave the DRM transmitter on? What a waste (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Vatican R ends at 2130 UT. Gap till 2200 UT. What's the problem? 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And still with the label of the now gone RNW transmission, as documented at
http://www.g7ltt.com/drm/RNW-9800KHz-20080123-2140UTC.jpg

Perhaps RNW should ask for this label being taken off air, since it is really misleading, creating the impression of a continuing failure (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Those who expect perfexion in DRM transmissions, to go with the perfexion of DRM audio itself, are sadly disappointed (gh)

** NEW ZEALAND. 3935, Radio Reading Service, Levin, 01/25, English, 0810-0822, female talks alternating short piano music. Noisy, 24322 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP, Brasil (23 33 S, 46 51 W), Sony ICF SW40, dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 7255, Voice of Nigeria, 2145 UT in French with Afropop music, ID ìLa voix du NigÈrieî, into different announcer with low audio that gradually came back up; Overall very good, SINPO 44334; drum interval, and into presumed Hausa at 2200. January 24 (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, Grundig YB 400PE with external long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [non]. "In Vietnam in 1969. On a slow day ... a fellow soldier offered to turn on his shortwave radio, strictly prohibited in war zones, and wanted to know which station to play. 'I spoke right up and said, "930 WKY". ... After fine-tuning to the station, the soldiers were greeted to the sounds of the Four Seasons singing 'Walk Like a Man' and 'Sherry,' along with [WKY DJ Ronnie] Kaye's voice." (The Oklahoman, 25 January 2008 via kimandrewelliott.com Jan 26 via DXLD)

Reception of this five kilowatt Oklahoma City station in Vietnam would be theoretically possible, but unlikely. Shortwave is not a means to hear medium wave (AM) stations beyond their normal range. Posted: 26 Jan 2008 (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

AFRTS, then on SW, had some programs featuring hometown radio

stations, altho even then was mostly talk. More likely something like that would have been on AFVN, not SW (Glenn Hauser, ex-Thailand, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. INCOHERENT POLICIES OF R PAKISTAN REGARDING MW, FM AND SW

Hi Glenn, Radio Pakistan's policies regarding proper apportionment of its broadcasts on FM, MW and SW have largely remained incoherent in the last two decades. Decisions taken in this context have been taken in isolation and undue haste, without any back-up of audience research. The organization is still in a quandary whether to altogether drop medium wave transmission and to switch over to FM. It is also finding itself unable to chart future policies regarding short-wave transmissions. The details of disjointed policies adopted by them in the respective sector are as follows:

FM

In 1994, a music-based private FM channel commenced operation in Pakistan. In view of success of the station, Radio Pakistan also decided to initiate FM transmission in 1998, without deciding the fate of MW transmissions. In its enthusiasm, Radio Pakistan decided that from then onwards, only FM transmitters will be installed for new stations thus jeopardizing the future of the MW stations. Six new FM stations have been set up in the country so far, while eight FM transmitters have been installed at existing sites of MW stations. Later on, realizing the limited broadcast range of FM transmitters, Radio Pakistan seems to have now reverted to installation of MW transmitters.

Medium wave:

Radio Pakistan suffered FM mania for about 8 years. Now we are being informed of installation of new 1000 kW MW transmitters at Lahore and Umerkot (Sindh). Furthermore, there are plans for setting up 100 kW transmitters at Parachinar (NWFP) and Chaman (Baluchistan) along border with Afghanistan and at Gawadar near Iranian border. These transmitters are meant for sending signals to the neighbouring countries.

SW & External Services:

After a long wait, Radio Pakistan planned in 2006 the installation of two 100 kW SW transmitters at Karachi for its external services. In the meantime, in 2008 the external services have been slashed and have been restricted to neighbouring countries. In addition to shortwave, the planned 1000 kW MW transmitters at Lahore and Umerkot and 100 kW MW at Chaman, Parachinar and Gawadar will be used for External Service

relay on MW.

In the last week of December 2007 the rioting after assassination of Benazir Bhutto caused massive damage to the government properties. Subsequently government departments have been asked to slash their planned development outlays as well as to freeze some projects for the time being to overcome the financial crisis.

The recent curtailment of External Services is also a result of that directive; now we will have to wait and see about final decision regarding delay or cancellation of plans to install 100 kW SW transmitters as well as 1000 kw MW transmitters.

News and Current Affairs Channel:

This channel was launched in 2001 with much fanfare with the objective to increase the listenership in relation to the foreign news channels being heard in Pakistan. This channel is relayed by 13 medium wave transmitters around the country. In line with the stated objectives, it was expected that some visible change would take place in the content and presentation of news but since the government cannot afford independent coverage of news, this channel has just proved to be another burden on existing MW Transmitters network. This channel has failed to develop any credibility and people hardly listen to it in view of the non-stop one-sided government propaganda being broadcast on it.

Recently, new medium wave transmitters of 100 kW have been provided for Peshawar, Lahore and Quetta. There are also unconfirmed reports of a new MW transmitter of 100 kW for Rawalpindi. These all are obviously a waste of resources, given the content of news.

On the whole, Radio Pakistan lacks a clear vision and policy planning regarding its operations. The decisions taken in the recent past were whimsical in nature. It seem that the management is oblivious of the ground realities and emerging trends in broadcasting (Aslam Javaid, Lahore, Pakistan, Jan 26, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3290 R. Central (tentative), 1007-1033, Jan 25, indigenous music and singing, followed by series of conversations in vernacular, weak. Also heard 1059-1131 & 1155-1200*, news (seemed to be segment in vernacular and in English), 1105 DJ playing C&W songs ("Islands In The Stream" sung by Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton, etc.), Anthem before sign-off. Rare for me to hear them above threshold level.

3290, R. Central (tentative), 1149-1159*, Jan 26, pop songs in

English, Anthem at sign-off, CW QRM.

3335, R. East Sepik (tentative), 1201-1210, Jan 26, news in English (police report, etc.), weather (list of cities and they were all having "showers"), DJ playing pop songs, weak (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3345, R. Northern, 1205-1228, Jan 26, English/Tok Pisin. YL in [unknown] language between Disco-era selections by Lipps Inc.; Donna Summer. Also pop music in lang. Poor/fair (Scott Barbour, NH, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7325, Wantok Radio Light (tentative), 1030-1143, Jan 26, after the 1030* of RFI via Taiwan (their signal was much stronger than usual), heard signal at threshold level, could not make out the language of OM and YL's conversation, very slowly improving, by 1058 could tell was religious programming in English (he seemed to have an accent) and segment of religious songs in English.

RE: DXLD 8-007: Where are the North American reports of this?? (gh, DXLD): I have occasionally monitored for this one since their move to this frequency in May 2007, but had never before heard anything after the RFI sign-off. Must take outstanding propagation conditions, such as we are currently experiencing, for this to be heard in NAm (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, EtÛn E5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Re DXLD 8-010: ``4790.20, Radio VisiÛn, Chiclayo not heard 0750-1100 23 Jan.`` --- I heard it Jan 24 0740-0805, so no doubt on the air. Usual "Hallellulah" programming. 73 from (Bjˆrn Fransson, Sweden DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4790.2, R. VisiÛn, 0958-1008, Jan 25, Spanish. Back on after several days absence with familiar format of OM and "live" religious service. Poor under static; also sounds like possible modulation problems (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH-USA, R8, R75, NIR10, MLB1, 200' Beverages, 60m Dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non] 4790 kHz Observation. Noted three different signals on this frequency at 1105 UT.
1. Peru, Radio VisiÛn
2. Indonesia, RRI Fak Fak
3. CODAR

Still, each is readable to a certain extent, indicating that conditions are good today January 26.

4774.97, Radio Tarma, 1100-1115 Jan 26. Just tuning by and caught a live ID during comments as "Radio Tarma...". Then into HuayÒos music. Usual CODAR interference on this frequency, but signal was still fair

(Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, NRD545, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. °Hola Amigos! øQuÈ tal las primeras semanas de 2008? Aprovecho para enviarte las siguientes noticias: La nueva serie de tarjetas QSL de RRI de este aÒo est· dedicada a las plantas y flores de nuestro paÌs. Nos ha proporcionado las fotos el JardÌn Bot·nico de Bucarest. M·s detalles sobre cada una de ellas en las prÛximas ediciones del programa "RincÛn Diexista". Para obtener las 12 tarjetas de confirmaciÛn los interesados deben enviarnos un informe de recepciÛn mensual, que indique la fecha y hora de la escucha, frecuencias o campos de onda, caracterÌsticas tÈcnicas de la emisiÛn - seg˙n el cÛdigo internacional-, y sus comentarios personales. Si nos mandan durante 12 meses consecutivos un informe de sintonÌa recibir·n un Primer Diploma de nuestro Club de Oyentes. Contamos con un total de cinco diplomas - que corresponden al primero, tercero, quinto y dÈcimo aÒo de fidelidad y uno, final, de excelencia y dos Sellos de Antig¸edad para el segundo y cuarto aÒo de actividad.

Queridos oyentes, os quiero informar que de ahora en adelante pueden escuchar nuestras emisiones en Internet en formato WMA (Windows Media Audio), 64 de kbps, con una mejor calidad del sonido. Radio RumanÌa Internacional cambiÛ su proveedor de acceso a Internet. Tras una buena y larga colaboraciÛn con la compaÒÌa Ituner, recurrimos, al igual que los dem·s canales de radio de la Sociedad Rumana de RadiodifusiÛn, a los servicios de Radiocom, la sociedad que asegura tambiÈn la difusiÛn de nuestras emisiones en onda corta. Esperamos vuestras reacciones. Un abrazo, Victoria Sepciu, Radio RumanÌa.
http://www.rri.ro/index.shtml?lang=11
(via Dino Bloise, FL, Jan 25, dxldyg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 5960, Radiostantsiya Tikhiy Okean, 0935-1000 Jan 25. Nothing heard today on this frequency from RTO. Stayed on top of the frequency for the entire period (Chuck Bolland, FL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) But did you hear anything from R. Rossii or any other network? IOW, was the transmitter on the air or off? (gh)

** RUSSIA. Re: "Yakutsk 6060, 7140 - nothing, carrier neither. 7200 and 7345 weak carrier under threshold..."

Wolfgang, please note in WRTH 2008 that 6060 kHz is summer frequency for Yakutsk. I could confirm winter frequency 6150 kHz on the air on Tuesday at 0830 before KNLS came to the frequency. Also 7140 kHz was heard. 7200 kHz is good again now that the transmitter has been fixed (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Jan 18, wwdxc BC-DX Jan 26 via DXLD)

I was wondering what became of the constant warble on 7200, audible long hours here in winter. How I miss it; but is it really permanently fixed? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 15250, Radio Jeddah (Cumbre DX follow up) It was a switching error I heard yesterday. They still had English after 1200 today. 1144 with program in called Network Journal produced and presented by Rabia Hersey (as heard). Rabia and a male announcer (I have heard him on other programs, they both have American accents) were talking about which Bluetooth device is best. At 1148 there was a new program, but I could not understand the title. It consisted of an interview with a man living in Saudi Arabia who had converted to Islam. This program ended at 1159. 5+1 time pips and then there was an ID for Radio Jeddah and news in English read by a woman (DX Tuner Sweden via Hans Johnson, FL, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** SERBIA [non]. Site? ìInternational Radio Serbia,î 7115 kHz, with ID in midst of English newscast at 0205 UT, SINPO 34333. January 25 (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, Grundig YB 400PE with external long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Bijeljina, Bosnia-Hercegovina, viz.:

Dear Wolfy, Sorry for delay, but I was "offline" for several days ... Pictures of BIJ I published on my website I received directly from a technical director of Intl R Serbia. I received them on a CD which was created a month ago as a IRS presentation for Belgrade diaspora convention in December 2007. The photos are from 2006.

Originally site had 4 transmitters, but 2 were moved to BEO (and then destroyed in NATO bombing, 1999), so BIJ now has only 2 transmitters. One transmitter is now fully operational, the second is partly dismantled, because they "borrowed" spare parts from it. There are no other reserve units. Best regards! (Dragan Lekic, Serbia, Jan 23, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 26 via DXLD)

Many thanks, Dragan, the BBC-Asea-Thomcast station installations of 1987 year look in good shape though, to consider the domestic war in YUG in past decade. In which year was the photo set taken? There are only two 500/250 kW transmitters connected to the antenna matrix? Is there a 3rd reserve unit available? (Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 19, ibid.)

** SUDAN [non]. 9825, Sudan via Slovakia* R. Miraya FM (tentative) Rimavsk· Sobota, 01/22 Arabic/English, 1725-1756 male and female talks, 1746 mentioned "Sudan", 1748 sounded like ads, 1753 music maybe local (flute, percussion and male tribal choir). *Africa on Shortwave mentions the transmitter "believed to be located in Slovakia" 23222 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP, Brasil (23 33 S, 46 51 W), Sony ICF SW40, dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SYRIA. 9330, R. Damascus, Jan 17 2234-2255, 34433 Spanish, News and Arabic music, ID at 2244. Also: Jan 17 2311-2321, 34433 Spanish, Talk, ID at 2317; Jan 18 2237-2250, 34433, Spanish, Talk and Arabic music,

ID at 2245 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Jan 26 via DXLD) How was the modulation? (gh)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4635, TAJIQUISTvO: Tajik Radio, Dushanbe, Tajik, 24/01 0009. Sequencia de mx regionais, canÁıes monÛtonas por OM, acompanhada de instrumentos tÌpicos, 35543 (Rudolf Grimm (S„o Bernardo-SP), Bruno Grimm (FlorianÛpolis-SC), Martim Jenny (Santo AndrÈ-SP), escutas realizadas em DX-Camp Jarinu-SP (Brasil), Rx: Sony ICF2001D, ant.: horizontal 30 m, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. Radio Thailand, 9535, noted here at 2030 sign on in English. 25 January (Steve Lare, Holland, MI USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Hello: Yes also listened at 2010 in German and 2030 in English today (ends at 2045), continues in Thai (from own home in Barcelona, Spain, 73,s, Tom·s MÈndez, ibid.)

** TIBET [non]. 17550, V. of Tibet, Jan 18 *1400-1412, 35433, Tibetan, 1400 sign on with opening music, opening announce, Talk. Also: Jan 18 *1528-1538, 45444, Tibetan, 1528 sign on with opening music, opening announce, talk. Also: Jan 19 *1400-1410, 25432-35433, Tibetan, 1400 sign on with opening music, opening announce, talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Jan 26 via DXLD) via Madagascar

** TIBET. China, 4905, People's Broadcasting Station, Lhasa, Tibet, 1118-1130 Jan 26. I have a reference in my database that between 1100-1120, this station broadcasts in English. Although I tuned in when there was just a couple of minutes left for English, I couldn't tell if they were actually broadcasting in English due to the poor quality of the signal. Comments continued during the period in Tibetan probably? Music presented at 1125. Signal was poor. Checked a few parallels, (4920 and 5240) and found same program (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston Florida, NRD545, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Source for English being at 1100? WRTH shows 0700 UT; maybe entered that as if EDT? (gh, DXLD)

** TURKEY. ??? 10560, TRT «akirlar in Romanian at 1000-1030 UT on this OOB, instead of nominal 9560 today Jan 23. Maybe a punching error of the station engineer. Checked some other «akirlar outlets today: Greek 1130-1157 7295.00 9845.06. Bulgarian 1200-1227 7105.00. Romanian 1230-1257 11910.00. Bosnian 1430-1457 9525.00. Kyrgyz 1430-1457 9655.00 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, Germany, BC-DX Jan 26 via DXLD) see also KURDISTAN

** UKRAINE. 7440 kHz, Radio Ukraine International, 0055 UT in Ukrainian, into English at 0100 with IS, ID, with news, and a fine (Friday) program covering Ukrainian culture, "The Root." This focused largely today on 18th century music of a (name unintelligible) philosopher and musician; then fine ethno- world music, by the 3 year

old Ukrainian group Atmosphera, with a sound admittedly like Jethro Tull and Pink Floyd. Very nice Celtic-sounding music. At first SINPO 33333, improving to 44444 by 0130 and solid on to 0100 UT January 26. Heard on Grundig Yachtboy 400PE with long wire (Roger Chambers. Utica, New York, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** U K. Additional BBCWS Bengali coverage Fri, 25 Jan 2008 ---
Additional transmission with a change noted from BBC Bengali Service:
0330-0430 13770 15225 17485 every Mo, Tu
1330-1500 9435 7580 (ex-11655) every Su
(1330-1400 regular channels are 7225 7430 11835 kHz). (Alok Dasgupta, West Bengal, via http://www.dxasia.info via Alokesh Gupta, DXLD)

** U S A. ``VOICE OF AMERICA`` isn`t what you think it means:
http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=3204
(kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. 7205, VOA at 0107 UT (site unclear, but likely Germany [no, Morocco for a while longer --- gh]) in English with îWorld News Nowî, SINPO 33333. Good coverage of Gaza-Egypt border opening; also on Comments made at Davos Conference in Switzerland on terrorism by various leaders. Views presented that terrorism and suicide bombers are more related to poverty vs. the fanatic religious influence. January 25 (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, Grundig YB 400PE with external long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Listening to what I found to be quite interesting and credible news reporting on VOA ìWorld News Nowî (0110 on January 25th) I was reminded on how much missed is the VOA in English. Almost (but not quite) as much as the BBC and DW.

Very good news reporting on the Gaza - Egyptian border, and then a very good feature on views of the mentality of suicide bombers. As part of the Davos Conference in Switzerland (though it was unclear if all of these people were actually there or making statements from elsewhere that were publicized at Davos) was a remarkable diversity of views on the social causes and mentality of the suicide bomber. This included comments of President Musharif of Pakistan and President Karzai of Afghanistan. The debate centers of the role of militant religious fanatics vs. poverty being a major influence on the bombers. In some cases, terminally ill ìvolunteersî are used, with payment to the families made.

The point is: This factual, impartial (by presenting divergent views) coverage is exactly the sort of diverse views, discussion, and information one would expect from a good (governmental or semiautonomous) public broadcaster. This is true whether it is domestic (such as NPR, CBC, PRI, BBC, Australian ABC, etc.) or

international in scope (Radio Netherlands, Radio Australia, Deutsche Welle, etc).

The BBC and the VOA are both sorely missed in this market place of ideas and information on the short wave bands. Centralizing every facet into satellite and internet and what seems to be imminent abandonment of short wave bands is a big mistake in the long run.

As for the VOA in particular and Americaís voice in international radio in general, the situation for virtually all concerned (US State Department, the American Taxpayer, and the radio listener) would all be better served by a reinvigorated VOA world service in English heard virtually any where for at least a few hours a day. There should also be external services in languages deemed appropriate. However, letís scrap the largely blatantly propaganda oriented Radio MartÌ, Radio Free Asia, Radio Farda, and Radio Sawa. A reinvigorated, well funded, well thought out programming, including clearly announced ìofficial commentî would be far more effective and beneficial for all concerned than what we have now (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, ODXA yg via REVIEWE OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING, DXLD)

I agree with you, Roger, on the wish that these three broadcasters would restore SW broadcasting but I also recognize the unfortunate reality that in the USA and Canada, and (to a lesser extent) the UK, a very small proportion of the population in these areas has a shortwave radio and would thus benefit from this restoration. Alas, that has to be added into the fact that these broadcasters have to get by on equal or fewer resources each year.

Take a look at the demographic of the ODXA, NASWA, or the SWL Fest --- from the broadcaster' s perspective it ain't pretty. Male, old, and getting older.

More than 44% of US households have broadband Internet access, and more than 73% of active Internet users in the USA use broadband access for this. See http://www.websiteoptimization.com/bw/0607/
That places the USA 20th (!) in terms of broadband usage.

The onus on international broadcasters wishing to reach as many listeners as possible in the broadband-connected world now requires them to make their content available to search engines so people will stumble upon the website either while reading a news aggregator (like Google news) or researching a particular topic.

Here's an example: A colleague at work is interested in greenhouse gases and carbon footprint / carbon trading. A Google search for that topic turned up the current episode of DW's "Living Planet", which has that topic as one of its stories.

Thus my work colleague found out about DW and is now interested in what they have to say. If broadcasters are going to be relevant to those geographies I mentioned above, they'll have to account for that.

When it comes to your points regarding impartiality, I'm 150% with you. That's why RFE/RL was so important -- those stations weren't founded on advocacy, they were founded on the principle of enlightenment.

Let's turn it around for a minute to a broadcaster like Radio Habana Cuba (RHC). An RHC news story correctly mentioned last week that Israel had launched rockets towards Gaza and had inflicted damage. That same news story, however, failed to mention that said rockets were launched in response to rockets that had been launched from Gaza onto Israel. If RHC is to be seen as credible in its reporting of "news", then omissions like that need to be corrected.

I have said before that the U. S. international broadcasters ought to somehow find a way to leverage NPR / PRI content more often (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, ibid.)

** U S A [non]. GERMANY, 9800, Family Radio, Gujarati to Bangladesh via Nauen. Full data (with site) 'Three decades of Faithful Service' (top half of series) with religious material, decals and schedule in 54 days, for a e-mail report to: intel@familyradio.com

RUSSIA, 12060, Family Radio via Armavir-Russian Broadcasting Company ëRadio Agency-Mí via FTVP. Full data (with site) ëthree decades of Faithful Service QSL Cardí (bottom of series) with religious material in 4 months, 40 days after sending a follow-up to intl @ familyradio.com (Edward Kusalik, VE6EFK, Coaldale, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. NEW ONLINE STATION RESURRECTS SEATTLE'S RICH RADIO TRADITION
By Jack Broom Seattle Times staff reporter
Friday, January 25, 2008 - Page updated at 02:33 a.m.

Listen to the urgency in newscaster Jim Harrison's voice and you might think a war had begun:

"Scores of persons living in the North End were late to work today," he reported, announcing that a car had hit part of the Aurora Bridge. No one was hurt, but get this: "Cars piled up behind the damaged machine for blocks!"

If that riveting traffic report from the 1950s doesn't get your blood pumping, maybe you'd prefer another clip from the same era: Seattle

radio legend Pat O'Day announcing a KAYO cash giveaway of -- fasten your seat belts -- a whopping $9!

Or maybe you'd like to eavesdrop on a backstage session with The Beatles during their 1964 Seattle visit, in which George Harrison predicted the group would stay together "till death do us part."

All those bits of Seattle's radio past -- and many more -- are now just a few mouse clicks away on a new online radio station called Rainier Radio, introduced Thursday by the Seattle Community Colleges. The nonprofit Web site, http://www.rainierradio.com has posted a vast archive of shows, jingles, news, interviews -- more than 362 hours so far -- and is collecting and cataloging more, dating back to the 1930s. . .
http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/cgi-bin/PrintStory.pl?document_id=2004144366&zsection_id=&slug=radio25m&date=20080125
(via Dan Say, BC, DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN. 8 January 2008, 4663, 1440, SSB, Volmet, Tashkent, English (Nikolay Ozerov, Shchebekino, Belgorodskaya oblast, Russia, Rx: Degen 1103, Rus-DX via DXLD)

** VATICAN [non]. Vatican Radio, 0337 Jan 26, Spanish, 6040, 32234, discussing world events in the church and various other items by male and female (Noble West, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST) via Sackville, so still there and not back to 6100 tho Rep˙blica moved to 6185 (gh, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. RNV Canal Informativo, sigue moviÈndose en la onda media. Escuchada este 25/01, a las 2350 UT, en los 631.28 kHz, con SINPO 4/4. TransmitÌa el programa humorÌstico ``Como ustedes pueden ver``.

RNV no es la ˙nica fuera de frecuencia en la regiÛn capital. Radio Popular hace lo propio en los 950.02 kHz. Escuchada este 25/01, a las 2345 UT, con SINPO 5/5. EmitÌa m˙sica de La Lupe (Ad·n Gonz·lez, Catia La Mar, Estado Vargas, VENEZUELA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well, why quibble over 20 Hz? 1280 Hz is a different matter. I was hearing the 631+ het easily on my caradio the other night. I`m sure that was it, tho measuring it or pulling audio was out of the question (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA [non]. Monitored RNV CI once again Sat Jan 26 on 11680 via Cuba from opening in Spanish at *1500. Gives e-mail address now as canalinternacionalrnv@gmail.com

Shortly into English with names of people on staff, and program

summary, seemingly for the whole hour, tho not all of it really in English, starting with ``Informative Micro``, then about a writer, traditional song, BolÌvar Around the World, short bio, ``In Contact with the Diexistas``, etc., ``with a special compromise`` not having a clue that compromiso does not mean the same as compromise in English.

1504, ``Informative Short News``, not the name given a few minutes earlier: Venezuelan ambassador to USA denounces USA to the OAS over false accusations about the Bolivarian revolution.

1511-1520 abruptly back into Spanish with speech of said ambassador, with hum, about the war on drugs, accusing the US` DEA of operating inside Venezuela, and even arresting people without authority, violating V sovereignty.

1522, Spanish, STILL giving old long-outdated transmission schedule starting with 11 am in San Francisco on 13740. And not including the broadcast we are listening to.

1523, ``Gavil·n``(?), traditional song, introduced in English

1527, contact info with Apartado 3979, Caracas 10-10, RBV. Then, EfemÈrides for 25 de enero, so this was really yesterday`s program.

Seems they are really going the bilingual route, which is fine for those of us who speak both languages, mixing them up, but surely a put-off for those understanding only one of them. But is there any excuse today for being monolingual?

1531, time for me to tune in CBC Halifax for O`Reilly and the Art of Persuasion, a Saturday-morning must (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 6300, Algeria, Nat. R. of Saharan Arab D. Rep., Rabouni, Arabic, 01/24 2238-2305, short male announcements alternating interesting Arabic music type (some with long instrumental pieces alternating singer), 2301 male talks with music. 23433 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP, Brasil (23 33 S, 46 51 W), Sony ICF SW40, dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So no Spanish after 2300? Sat Jan 26 at 2324 with music in uncertain language, but talk after 2332 definitely in Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [and non]. 4828, 1/27 on a good night for early African propagation, Gweru noted at 0101 tune with all local music format ñ Zimbabwean music is some of the best from Africa! I have a great recording from DX Tuner Johannesburg of about 1.5 hrs of non-stop

Zimbabwean music at armchair level if anyone likes the music. SINPO 34533 with very light CODAR QRM and fairly heavy QSB. Angola also noted at equal level on 4950 at this hour (Bruce Churchill, Fallbrook CA, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. Jan 26, 4880, SW R Africa was with talks and ID the 'independent station of Zimbabwe' or something similar. Political talks, etc., but from about 1715 the bagpipe QRMr has been heard and a jammer. At 1800 bagpipe jammer is stronger. At 1754 and 1724? QRMed by ULX Mossad (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. Unknown Spanish entertainment Station on 3360 kHz heard at 0015 UT 26 Jan 2008. Not in Passport. Discovered while testing new NVIS (cloud warmer) doublet antenna cut for nearby MARS frequency, half 18 ft above ground, remaining half 40 feet above ground in a canyon, an arroyo grande (from WPE6FCL, Jim Wylder, E. Bremerton WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I was tuning around 90m around this time and noticed nothing at all on 3360. Aoki has these listed, but they have been inactive for some time:

3360 Voz de Nahuala 1900-0430 1234567 Quiche/Spanish 1 ND Nahuala GTM 09020W1450 VNahu
3360 Voz del Upano 2300-0300 1234567 Spanish 10 ND Macas EQA 07812W0220 VUpan

Domestic, 3 x 1120, maybe? Not likely, with KPNW OR in your area, not Spanish. 6 x 560? Not likely, with KPQ WA in your area, not Spanish. Please keep listening for ID (Glenn to Jim, via dxldyg via DXLD)

Cf: INFORME DX DESDE NORTEAMERICA POR GLENN HAUSER ENERO 2000, grabado el 13 de enero: GUATEMALA Es muy raro captar a la guatemalteca en 5040, nos dice Don Moore, y porquÈ? En realidad, se trata de un sesquiarmÛnico. La Voz de Nahual· produce su seÒal principal en 3360 por doblar un cristal de 1680; a veces se irradia tambiÈn en el triple del mismo (via Roberto Scaglione, ibid.)

Therefore, 2 x 1680 could be it, and voil‡, there is Spanish on 1680 in Seattle, KDOW, La Jefa, per 2007-2008 NRC AM Log. I am still not used to thinking of the entire 90 mb up to 3400 being subject to second harmonics from MW (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, I think you may have it. I do get a local 2 x 1400 = 2800 all the time; regardless of antenna. The Seattle 1680 station in Spanish is confirmed. I should have known better. But I never heard the harmonic before. Sig went down to about nothing at sunset. But during the MARS net after 0200 UT, I did hear some very weak splatter. After

the MARS net which ended at 0237 UT, I retuned up a bit to the 3360 and detected a carrier, audio unheard. I will monitor next few days and report if anything different. Roger, I will try to get an ID before local sunset. 73 (Jim, WPE6FCL, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4450, 01/24-25 Spanish, 2310-0005, heard an L.A. station maybe from Per˙ because was mentioned the Peruvian location "Santa Rosa" and their local time "siete horas y treinta minutos"; at 2328 finally an ID but I don't hear very well if it was "R. Centauro, R. Centenario, R. Centinela", or "R. Centro" or something like these. 2326 ads, 2330-0005 local pop selections and short announcements. Weak and noisy signal, almost unreadable. Short audio of this unID station, 83kbt-21 seconds downloadable here;
http://geocities.yahoo.com.br/eefibra/unid.4450khz2328utc240108.mp3
73 (Lucio Otavio Bobrowiec, Embu SP, Brasil (23 33 S, 46 51 W), Sony ICF SW40, dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I agree, it`s almost unreadable. Per˙ is on UT -5, not UT -4, per timeandate.com --- so more likely Bolivia. Could be 5 x 890, but more likely some new or variant Bolivian out-of-bander. 73, Glenn

Hi Glenn and Lucio, FYI - something to consider if Bolivia:

INFORME DX DESDE NORTEAM…RICA POR GLENN HAUSER, JULIO 2006:

BOLIVIA Entre las captaciones en una DX-pediciÛn en Nueva Gales del Sur, Australia, nos informa Johno Wright, la reactivaciÛn despuÈs de muchos aÒos de Bolivia en 4450 kilohercios, Radio EstaciÛn Frontera, Cobija, en idiomas indÌgena y espaÒol, identific·ndose a las 1010 Tiempo Universal del 17 de junio (via Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glad to see my Mundo Radial archives are useful; then why wasn`t this entered in the LA-DX archive which shows nothing on 4450. Confirms my suspicions that LA-DX has not adequately referenced news from DXLD (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

And a WOR 1319 item from June 2006:
*Australian DX-peditioners discover 250-watt Bolivian reactivated after many years, Radio EstaciÛn Cobija [sic], 4450, ID at 1010 (via JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Advice/explanation needed please --- Hi Guys, I`ve been monitoring 4925 to try and get RRI Jambi as reported in the last "Communication". I`ve got an "EWE" pointing in roughly the right direction. I have been listening the last few nights from about 5 onwards. A carrier has been there from time to time, but the other night I was switching between USB and LSB to detect a carrier but

happened to put the radio into FM. Lo and behold there was a full signal! it sounded Indonesian to me. It`s been there every night since. I have not had the time to sit down and listen for too long for an ID, etc. It`s there till late 11 pm ish [1700-2300 UT]. Tonight there are other stations there as well; is this my radio playing up? It`s only on FM, nothing AM, very faint SSB. I`m confused. Any comments much appreciated. Have a listen please and see if it`s the same with you (Mark Thomas Davies, Anglesey, MW3UPX, Jan 25, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 5900 kHz, 0955 UT with light pop music, into YL with Chinese talk, then OM talk. Quite weak but fairly clear until English religious station came on just before 1000 on 5890 kHz, and DW (Bonaire) on 5905 kHz in German (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, Grundig YB 400PE with external long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not what you might expect, but R. France Internationale, 0930-1030 Chinese via Irkutsk, Russia, 500 kW, 152 degrees (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5954: see COSTA RICA!

UNIDENTIFIED. 6700, Solh? At 1453 heard with Afghan folk songs with relatively fast beat. Checked 15265 at 1102 Jan 26 but seem not parallel. A marginal signal <S1 with operator in USB (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re 6700. Yes, the 6700 has been off or rather irregular for some weeks, but also noted here around 1300 today (Jari Savolainen, Jan 26, ibid.) However, in NAm, don`t forget this co-channel:

The Crystal Ship, 6700.0v AM, 1541-1617+ 1/20/08, SIO=242. The Poet with a program of rock music by The Who, Van Halen, and other groups. OM with clip about how we should help veterans of Iraq who return to this country and then have a hard time. One Elmer Fudd clip. Transmitter drifted up about 200 Hz during transmission. Still going but fading out by 1617. Heard no address announced, but they use Belfast (George Zeller, OH, Free Radio Weekly Jan 26 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Has anyone else noted the slow speed CW that is being sent on/or about 15400? Currently being heard here at 2045. I've heard this occasionally over the past few days. 26 January (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, Jan 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That reminds me, there have also been reports lately in ENAm of ``code`` interference to WCBS 880 --- no, not RR from Cuba (gh, DXLD)

Steve, what really impressed me in my local noon, 1800 Sat. 26 Jan. , was the good propagation from East to West. The Beeb was strong and

clear during a program of interviews about the world situation. Those African transmitters, whether from Ascension or Seychelles are most of the time regulars here (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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SHORTWAVE MUSIC
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AND WHO SAID SHORTWAVE WAS DEAD? (updated)

"30,000 Kilohertz of Sound is a theater group which creates improvised shows inspired by shortwave radio. Its website, http://www.30000khz.com says shows '...[take] place in the dark, utilizing shortwave radio transmissions as inspiration.'" Corey's Radio Blog, About.com, 2 January 2008.

Update: Review: "Strange radio crackling and beeping filled our ears. Wickens was in the back in a sound booth fiddling with a short wave radio the size of toolbox. Some voices came on. They were talking about insurance, or doctors, I think. It didnít matter. What did matter was what the comedians back stage would do with the sound clip of material they were just given." Kimberly Thorpe, New York Press, 24 January 2008.

"Arriving in May is the Shortwave Set's tentatively titled 'Replica Sun Machine,' which features production by Danger Mouse and a 24-piece orchestra conducted by Beach Boys collaborator Van Dyke Parks." Billboard, 25 January 2008.

"Shortwave Fade are the winners of the indie/rock showcase at http://www.slicethepie.com and we will now receive £15,000 to produce our first album!" Shortwave Fade website. Posted: 26 Jan 2008 (see http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=3039 for linx, via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: see ECUADOR; FRANCE; NETHERLANDS; below
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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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STANAG, NOT DRM

Re: KURDISTAN. 6335, 1600-1720, IRAQ, 16 & 19-01, Voice of Kurdistan, Salah al Din, Kurdish (and other languages ?) Arab music, Kurdish songs, severe DRM Noise at 1600, much better at 1700: 33443 Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)
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But not English in particular, as recently reported at 16-17? DRM on 6335? Certainly nothing at all scheduled above 6.2 MHz. Leapfrog mixing product from two 49 mb DRM transmitters? This happens with analog, so why not DRM? Please figure it out (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, it`s not DRM interference on 6335 but one of the many military digital data transmissions that can be found in between the HF broadcast bands. To the ear these transmissions do sound a bit like DRM, or old-fashioned jamming, and they cause considerable interference, at least here in Europe, particularly to out-of-band broadcast stations and on the lower tropical bands.

There was a discussion about the source of this jamming-type noise recently on the BDXC-UK e-mail list, some of which you carried in DXLD. They are sometimes referred to as STANAG - see Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/STANAG
A quick bandscan will reveal dozens, if not hundreds of these data transmissions and their existence is perhaps one reason why the US recently blocked any expansion of the HF broadcast bands. 73s (Dave Kenny, England, Jan 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

"NEW CARS WITHOUT AM RADIOS? IS THIS TRUE?"

From DXLD 8-010 --- Here in Europe it is true, although by far not for all car radios. But I indeed have already seen FM-only sets. Rant on: And new car radios are a real plague if you want to listen to something else than the usual local stuff, since one has to literally turn off anything related to RDS in order to force the radio in a mode where the up/down buttons really tune up and down instead of just switching to the next local signal with a readable RDS code or even a traffic announcement flag. At least that's the case with the standard fare I saw in company cars (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LANGUAGE LESSONS
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BUSINESSMAN po-russki

"I thought I heard the English word ``businessman`` mentioned. Could that be? How do you spell that in Cyrillic?"

It absolutely could be; this word has been adopted into Russian at least a decade ago. In a hurry I could not find real Russian texts with it, so I don't know how it's usually spelt (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Maxe sense; Commies had no

need for such a term (gh)

PROPAGATION
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KN4LF PROPAGATION FORECAST

Note! For those interested, the KN4LF Daily LF/MF/HF/6M Frequency
Radiowave Propagation Forecast #2008-04 has been published at 1900 UT
on Friday January 25, 2008 at http://www.kn4lf.com/kn4lf6h.htm
73, (Thomas F. Giella, KN4LF Lakeland, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###